

PENWORTHAM TOWN COUNCIL**EVENTS COMMITTEE**

Meeting held at Penwortham Community Centre on Monday 30th October 2023 at 6:20pm.

In attendance: Councillors D Bennett, H Crewe, P Cronin, S Emery, D Howarth, K Martin, R Taylor, and A Turner.

Marie Curran, Town Manager
Beth Blenkinship, Events Coordinator

18. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor H Hancock. Councillor Hancock was substituted by Councillor Howarth.

19. Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

20. Minutes of the Last Meeting

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the last meeting, held on 18th September 2023, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

21. Fireworks Display 2023

The Town Manager provided a verbal update on the arrangements for this year's fireworks display. It was confirmed that following a small amount of feedback and requests for quieter fireworks that some of the louder fireworks where the noise travelled would be replaced with lower fireworks (up to 100ft) instead. It was suggested that costings be sought for next year's event to consider the different options available. Councillor Turner suggested that it was important not to just take the opinions of social media users into account rather than including the whole community and suggested a possible public consultation on the subject in the future.

Councillor Howarth stated that the Town Council arranged a responsible public event for the community, lasting twenty minutes and suggested that he would like to see the public sale of fireworks legislated instead.

RESOLVED: i) that the report be noted.

22. Remembrance Sunday 2023

The Town Manager confirmed the arrangements for this year's Remembrance service at St Leonard's Church followed by a parade to Penwortham War Memorial on Sunday 12th November, 2023.

The road closure had been arranged and confirmation received from a number of community representatives that would be attending on the day.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

23. Christmas Markets 2023

The Events Coordinator reported on the three Christmas markets organised by the Town Council. The Liverpool Road market was now full with a waiting list for potential stall holders. The Kingsfold and Middleforth market still had availability. The road closure was in place for Liverpool Road. It was suggested to extend the closure to Green Drive and also implement a road closure along Hawkesbury Drive next year due to the growing numbers attending the Kingsfold Christmas market.

Local schools and church groups would be singing at all three markets and children can visit Fr Christmas at the Arts Centre this year.

The Committee discussed lighting requirements at the Middleforth market. Officers would liaise directly with Penwortham Sports and Social club to identify any issues.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

.....Chairman

(The meeting finished at 6:45pm.)

The minutes of this meeting will be published on the website

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